Steps to raise domestic production of crude oil

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SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to raise the domestic production of crude oil keeping in mind the ever increasing demand during last so many years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as a result of these steps the import of crude oil has declined during these years;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the percentage of demand expected to be fulfilled each by domestic production and imports in the country during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A number of steps have been taken to increase the production of crude oil in the country which include:-

(i) Optimizing production from existing field by better reservoir management through 3-D seismic surveys, infill drilling, better pressure maintenance by redistributing water injector, installation/ optimisation of artificial lift system and use of advanced & cost effective technologies for sand control, water shut off etc.

(ii) Faster development of newly discovered oilfields.

(iii) Finding new hydrocarbon reserves through intensified exploration activities such as;

— Exploration at greater depths in existing fields.

— Extending exploration activities to deep waters and frontier areas.

— Increased private participation in exploration and production activities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The domestic crude oil production during the last few years has remained more or less constant and the requirement of crude oil in the country during the same period has increased.

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(e) During the current year (2000-01), about 25.4% of the requirement of crude oil is estimated to be met from domestic production and the balance 74.6% from imports.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Export potential of Rajasthan

1. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined Rajasthan's export potential; and

(b) what are the exportable items of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No formal study of the export potential of Rajasthan has been done by the Central Government. However, the Central Government interacts with the State Governments on a regular basis in order to boost exports and export production.

(b) The main items of exports from Rajasthan are textiles, marble, electronic goods, handicrafts, leather goods, precious and semi-precious stones, carpets.

Opening of road trade between India and China through Myanmar

2. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for opening Road Trade between India and China through Myanmar;

(b) whether this proposal is to be taken up on the request of China Government; and

(c) if so, by when and the steps taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) No proposal from the Chinese Government has so far been received for opening road trade between India and China through Myanmar.